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SUBJECT: BEGUM BHUTTO'S SCHEDULE

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1. I HAVE NOW TALKED TO BEGUM BHUTTO ABOUT HER WISHES DURING FREE TIME IN WASHINGTON AND NEW YORK CITY. IT BECAME APPARENT IN TALKING TO HER THAT SHE IS NOT WELL ENOUGH ACQUAINTED WITH EITHER CITY TO HAVE SUGGESTIONS OF HER OWN. ONE THING, HOWEVER, DID COME THROUGH LOUD AND CLEAR. HER HUSBAND WILL NOT ALLOW ANY "SHOPPING" AS HE WOULD BE AFRAID OF WORD GETTING BACK HERE AND BEING MISUNDERSTOOD (TOO BAD AS SHE IS IN FACT A MODEST SPENDER).

2. I MENTIONED THE HIRSHHORN OR OTHER GALLERIES AND SHE SAID THAT WOULD BE NICE. I ASKED HER IF SHE HAD EVER BEEN TO THE SMITHSONIAN AND SHE ANSWERED IN THE NEGATIVE, ASKING WHAT IT WAS LIKE. SHE REACTED POSITIVELY TO SEEING THINGS LIKE DRESSES OF FORMER PRESIDENTS, ETC.

3. I ASKED IF SHE WANTED HER TIME FULLY SCHEDULED OR, SAY, HALF SCHEDULED. SHE THOUGHT THE LATTER WOULD BE ABOUT RIGHT, SAYING THAT SHE MIGHT HAVE ONE THING NO EARLIER THAN 10 OR 10:30 IN THE MORNING AND PERHAPS ONE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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IN THE AFTERNOON. SHE SAID SHE WOULD VERY MUCH LIKE

SPECIFIC SUGGESTIONS FROM THE PAK AMBASSADOR IN WASHINGTON  
AND ME IN ORDER TO MAKE UP HER MIND.

4. I THINK IT WOULD BE A GOOD IDEA FOR US TO SEEK TO  
ARRANGE IN EITHER WASHINGTON OR NEW YORK AN EVENT WHICH  
COULD PRODUCE GOOD PRESS PLAY FOR BEGUM BHUTTO IN PAKISTAN,  
AND, HOPEFULLY, IN US AS WELL. AS YOU KNOW, SHE HAS  
DEVELOPED A CONSIDERABLE INTEREST IN BOTH POPULATION  
PLANNING AND HEALTH FIELDS. (SHE WAS CO-CHAIRMAN OF PAK  
DELEGATION TO LAST YEAR'S BUCHAREST WORLD POPULATION  
CONFERENCE AND IS CHAIRMAN OF PAK RED CRESCENT.) DEPART-  
MENT WILL BE IN BETTER POSITION THAN WE ARE HERE TO MAKE  
CONCRETE RECOMMENDATIONS ALONG THESE LINES, BUT MIGHT  
CONSIDER SUGGESTION OF CONSUL GENERAL SPENGLER (FORMER  
DEPUTY IN S/PM) THAT SHE VISIT MODEL FAMILY PLANNING  
CLINIC, PART OF THE METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON FAMILY  
PLANNING ASSOCIATION.

5. IT SEEMS TO ME THAT ON THE LESS SUBSTANTIVE SIDE WE  
NEED THE ADVICE OF PROTOCOL WHO WOULD KNOW BEST WHAT  
ARRANGEMENTS SHOULD BE MADE IN VIEW OF THEIR EXPERIENCE  
WITH THIS SORT OF THING FOR BOTH WASHINGTON AND NEW YORK.  
FROM HER SIDE IT LOOKS LIKE THERE WOULD BE NO MORE THAN  
ONE OR TWO THAT MIGHT ACCOMPANY HER, AND THESE WOULD NOT  
STRICTLY SPEAKING BE HIGH ENOUGH RANKING TO BE PART OF  
THE OFFICIAL PARTY. PROTOCOL SHOULD KNOW THAT SHE IS A  
HIGHLY INTELLIGENT WOMAN WITH A PLEASANT PERSONALITY,  
WHO IS NOT HARD TO PLEASE BUT INSTEAD WOULD APPRECIATE  
ANY ARRANGEMENTS WE CAN MAKE. WE DO KNOW THAT IN NEW  
YORK BOTH SHE AND THE PM WOULD ENJOY SEEING A GOOD PLAY,  
PROBABLY SOMETHING NOT TOO HEAVY; IF A GOOD OPERA WERE ON  
THAT WOULD BE ANOTHER POSSIBILITY, THOUGH LESS ATTRACTIVE  
THAN THE THEATER. VISITS TO THE METROPOLITAN MUSEUM OF  
ART AND TO LINCOLN CENTER ALSO STRIKE US AS OUTINGS SHE  
MIGHT WELCOME.

6. IF CONVENIENT TO DO SO, YOU MAY WANT TO GIVE US  
SPECIFIC SUGGESTIONS TO CHECK OUT WITH HER BEFORE I  
LEAVE. ALTERNATIVELY, THEY COULD BE FORWARDED HERE AFTER  
MY ARRIVAL IN WASHINGTON AS THIS WOULD PROBABLY LEAVE  
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